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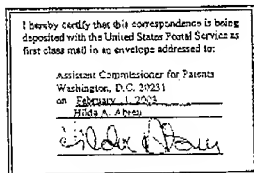
ELECTION

Sir:

This election is submitted in response to the Official Action dated January 28, 2003 and the subsequent telephone conversation between the undersigned attorney for the applicant and Examiner Blanco. The Office Action required the applicant to elect the Species A invention as embodied in claim 26 or the Species B invention as embodied in claim 27. Based on the telephone conversation, counsel and the Examiner now agree that claims 3 and 4 also should be subject to the Election requirement.

The applicant, through the undersigned attorney, hereby elects the Species A invention as embodied in claims 26 and 3. Claims 25 and 2 are believed to be generic to both disclosed species, and hence are believed to remain in this application. This election is made without traverse. Non-elected claims 4 and 27 may be withdrawn from further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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